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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION OF AIRCRAFT HIJACKER

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1. SUMMARY: THE GOY IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT SHEFFIELD BE EXPELLED FROM YUGOSLAVIA. HE MIGHT BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH EXTRADITION FROM YUGOSLAVIA OR BY TAKING CUSTODY OF HIM IN ANOTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY. THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. AN OFFICIAL OF THE CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE FSFA HAS ADVISED THAT SHEFFIELD UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS SENTENCE MUST BE EXPELLED FROM YUGOSLAVIA ON MAY 12. THE GOY WOULD PREFER TO RETURN HIM TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT HE COULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CUSTODY OF FEDERAL MARSHALS WITHOUT FORMAL EXTRADITION.

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THE OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHEFFIELD'S UNWILLINGNESS TO

RETURN MADE THIS OPTION AWKWARD. HE SAID THAT SHEFFIELD WOULD BE EXPELLED TO ITALY, FROM WHERE HE HAD ENTERED YUGOSLAVIA, IF HE DOES NOT GO TO THE UNITED STATES. THE OFFICIAL EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN SHEFFIELD'S POLITICAL VIEWS AND CONCEIVED THE PROBLEM STRICTLY AS A MATTER, FROM THE YUGOSLAV SIDE, OF CARRYING OUT THE TERMS OF SHEFFIELD'S SENTENCE.

3. THE MAIN YUGOSLAV DESIRE IS TO EXPEL SHEFFIELD, WITHOUT REGARD TO HIS SUBSEQUENT FATE. THREE OPTIONS APPEAR FEASIBLE TO US FOR EFFECTING HIS RETURN TO THE US. (WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THESE WITH YUGOSLAWS.) EXTRADITION IS THE FIRST, AND THE FSFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT ONLY AFTER RECEIVING A FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION COULD SHEFFIELD BE HELD BEYOND MAY 12. THE SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO HAVE THE YUGOSLAWS EXPEL SHEFFIELD TO ITALY BY LAND AND ARRANGE FOR HIS ARREST AND EXTRADITION FROM THERE. THE THIRD WOULD BE TO ISSUE A CARD OF IDENTITY AND REGISTRATION, PURCHASE AN AIR TICKET FOR SHEFFIELD ON A FLIGHT TO A SUITABLE EUROPEAN CITY (THERE ARE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO THE US), LET THE YUGOSLAWS INSURE THAT HE DEPARTS, AND ARRANGE FOR HIS ARREST AND EXTRADITION OR ONWARD TRAVEL FROM THE LANDING POINT. THIS THIRD POSSIBILITY COULD PROVE MESSY SINCE SHEFFIELD MIGHT WELL RESIST AT SOME POINT. EXTRADITION FROM YUGOSLAVIA WOULD SEEM TO US THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROACH. THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED. (WE ARE REPEATING THIS CABLE TO POSTS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THE RETURN OF SHEFFIELD TO THE US.)

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL DEROGATORY INFORMATION ABOUT SHEFFIELD'S POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IF PASSED TO THE GOY AS WELL AS TO ADVISE WHETHER THE EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN HIS EXPIRED US PASSPORT FROM THE GOY.

5. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, IN SPEAKING WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON MAY 5, SHEFFIELD SAID HE HAD BEEN DETAINED UPON ARRIVAL IN CUBA AND SUBSEQUENTLY REARRESTED. ON ONE OF THESE OCCASIONS HE WAS HELD WITH ANTI-CASTRO AMERICANS WHO BEAT HIM, CAUSING HIS TRANSFER TO ANOTHER CELL. IN THE SAME CONVERSATION, SHEFFIELD SAID THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BELGRADE HAD ADVISED HIM THAT HE MIGHT BE FREE OF CRIMINAL CHARGES IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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